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ABIDJAN FOR FISHERIES ATTACHE

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EFIS, SF

SUBJECT: MOZAMBIQUE FIRM REPORTEDLY PURCHASES SA TRAWLERS

1. LOCAL PRESS REPORTS THAT EIGHT 23 METER-LONG TRAWLERS, FORMERLY THE PROPERTY OF A NOW INSOLVENT SOUTH AFRICAN FISHING COMPANY, HAVE BEEN PURCHASED BY UNDISCLOSED INTERESTS IN MAPUTO. THE STORY STATES THAT PESCANOVA, A MOZAMBIQUAN FIRM WITH A DURBAN OFFICE, HAS CONFIRMED IT ACTED AS A GO-BETWEEN IN THE TRANSACTION, BUT HAS REFUSED TO NAME THE ACTUAL PURCHASER.

2. THESE TRAWLERS WERE CONSTRUCTED AND BASED IN DURBAN, AND WERE USED FOR PRAWN FISHING IN THE MOZAMBIQUE CHANNEL UNTIL MOZAMBIQUE CLOSED ITS WATERS TO SOUTH AFRICAN BOATS IN 1976. THEY WERE THEN DIVERTED TO OTHER AREAS BUT FISHING OPERATIONS WERE UNSUCCESSFUL AND THE COMPANY WHICH OWNED THEM BECAME INSOLVENT. THE SHIPS WERE THEN AUCTIONED AT R125,000 (\$143,000) APIEVE TO A COMBINED
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GERMAN/ARGENTINIAN GROUP, AND WERE TO HAVE BEEN USED TO FISH IN ARGENTINIAN WATERS. THEY WERE TO HAVE SAILED FOR SOUTH AMERICA IN LATE NOVEMBER WHEN THE SOMEWHAT MYSTERIOUS MOZAMBIQUAN OFFER WAS RECEIVED. THE PRICE HAS REPORTEDLY BEEN SET AT R300,000 (\$345,000) PER VESSEL.FARBER

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